

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

February 21, 2007

An act to amend Section 44831 of the Education Code, relating to school employees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 377, as introduced, Aanestad. Schools: certificated employees.

Existing law requires governing boards of school districts to employ persons in public school service requiring certification qualifications pursuant to other requirements, except that the governing board or a county office of education is permitted to contract with or employ an individual who holds a license issued by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board and has earned a master's degree in communication disorders to provide speech and language services if that individual meets the requirements of a specified criminal background check and has demonstrated basic skills proficiency before employment or execution of the contract.

This bill, instead, would permit the governing board of a school district to contract with or employ a person who holds a license issued by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board, pursuant to specified requirements for obtaining that license, and would recognize that license as equivalent to a credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, without meeting any other requirements generally required to obtain a credential.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44831 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 44831. Governing boards of school districts shall employ
4 persons in public school service requiring certification
5 qualifications as provided in this code, except that the governing
6 board or a county office of education may contract with or employ
7 an individual who holds a license issued by the Speech-Language
8 Pathology and Audiology Board, *pursuant to Chapter 5.3*
9 *(commencing with Section 2530) of Division 2 of the Business and*
10 ~~*Professions Code, and has earned a masters degree in*~~
11 ~~*communication disorders to provide speech and language services*~~
12 ~~*if that individual meets the requirements of Sections 44332.6 and*~~
13 ~~*44830 before employment or execution of the contract that license*~~
14 ~~*shall be equivalent to, and satisfy the requirements of, a credential*~~
15 ~~*issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for purposes*~~
16 ~~*of employment and services.*~~